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My name is David ~~Tom~~ and my wife and I
own ~~_____~~ We have a 3-4 foot cedar hedge
along the rear property line now. We would request a fence
be built along this property line when the new condo is built.

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Phone ~~_____~~

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Mayor and Councillors.

We have been taxpayers in this City of Owen Sound since 1975. We live in a lovely neighbourhood on 8th Ave. East and 21st Street East.

The area that Barry's construction is trying to buy as a parking lot is to the north of us and the property he owns is right behind us. His proposal for a 4 storey apartment building behind our home would infringe on our privacy, including the Women's Shelter which is to the south of the property. Not only would this take away our privacy but will lower our property value drastically.

With the drainage problems in our neighbourhood, which was exacerbated by our by-law office neglecting to control a now defunct contractor who sub-divided a double lot next to us, this left basement dirt from the new house in both backyards over 4 feet above grade. This has blocked water runoff from all backyards from going east to the city run off drain behind the existing apartment. At taxpayers expense, a new 4 ft. deep and 60 ft. long ditch was dug in our backyard to go to the storm drain behind the apartment.

Common sense should dictate that you should build a house/residence to fit your existing lot.

We have 100 cedar trees as well as 3 -50 year old maple trees that would die due to digging for fences and buildings.

On the unopened road allowance, my neighbour and I routinely cut the grass. This walkway is used by all the children in the neighbourhood and where it is where all pet owners walk their pets.

I ask you to not let WEF/15 minutes cities, ruin our city as you are run by the tax payers not a foreign unelected entity. Draw the line in the sand here and now and stop giving millionaire contractors everything they want.

Respectfully,

John Beagan

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of John Beagan.

June 18th, 2025

Attn: Mayor and Council members of the City of Owen Sound

Re: Sale of the Road Allowance between 8th Ave E and 9th Ave E, north of 20th St E.

Please consider these points.

Will the sale of this road allowance affect property values of the adjacent homes, once the property is further developed by the owner of the apartment building?

Increased traffic will continue to bring more speeding problems on 8th Ave E, as well as, highly increasing the risk to children walking/biking to school.

Will the City consider reducing the speed limit on 8th Ave E, to 40km per hour?

Will the City also consider a 4-way stop at the corner of 8th Ave E and 21st St E? This would slow traffic down even more, and would benefit the neighbourhood by reducing the risk to children going to school, as well as the residents walking along 8th Ave E. This is assuming the road allowance is being used as an entrance.

The existing road allowance serves as a walkway for all residents of the area, as well as a play ground for local children. This road allowance where it meets 8th Ave E, is also a school bus stop.

The city does not have to sell all city owned properties to the same developer(s), as has been the practice in the past. What next, our park lands?

When and if, are the local residents going to be sent notices pertaining to this issue?

Submitted by Doug Murdoch

[REDACTED]

From: Faye Eltom <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:26 AM

To: Briana Bloomfield <bbloomfield@owensound.ca>

Subject: Re: Proposal by Barry's Construction to Purchase a Portion of the 21st St E.
Unopened Road West of 8th Ave E - Report C5-24-046

Mayor and Members of City Council:

I wish to register my objection to the above noted potential sale. I am the property owner at [REDACTED] and would be directly impacted by this sale.

I feel the addition of 35 more residential units in such a small space would be detrimental to the area. The population is already quite dense. There is very little greenspace and this space is well used by the children of Bayfield Landing and a large number of dog walkers. Of particular note, there is a large tree that will have to be removed for the vehicle turnaround area that is a favorite tree for climbing. There is very little shade along the walkway from 9th to 8th Ave and the shade from these trees is welcomed by anyone walking on a hot, sunny day. These trees would be removed by the development

In addition to the human population in the area, there is also a large dog population that utilizes this green space. I assume that adding 35 units to the area would also greatly increase the number of dogs that will require somewhere for relief. As it is, I periodically pick up litter along the walkway by my property line, which always consists of a number of baggies of dog feces. I hate to think what 35 more units would do to this count.

A four storey building so close to the property line would shut out the morning sun light to all the houses to the west. The prospect of having balconies and windows overlooking these houses is a breach of privacy and would certainly affect property values.

The area the developer has designated for snow storage is totally inadequate, based on the mountains of snow I have observed over the last 9 winters. I worry that a large melt will flood my backyard and basement.

Again, I respectfully request that City Council turn down this request. I realize that affordable rental units are needed in the city but feel there must be better alternative locations than this.

Faye Eltom

June 20, 2025

City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, Ontario
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Attn: Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services

RE: 2090 9th Avenue East & Surplus Lands

Dear Ms. Coulter:

This letter is in follow up to our telephone conversation regarding the Notice of Intention to Declare Surplus Lands of the road allowance between 2090 and 2150 9th Avenue East.

Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing's Board met in May and there was a great deal of discussion about the reported plan of the City to stop up the unopened road allowance which abuts our property and sell it to Barry's Construction for parking, etc. for a new apartment building to be constructed there. It was the Chair's understanding that this was just the beginning of a long prescribed process but was corrected by City Representative Carol Merton. Ms. Merton told the Board that the decision had already been made, the road allowance would be stopped up and the land sold to Barry's Construction. Board was shocked to hear this was the case.

To be clear, the Board has no issue with Barry's Construction planning to build on the property they own. In fact it was acknowledged around the table that Barry, on his own, very quietly provides affordable housing when he learns of special circumstances and does so without acknowledgement. And further, the Board is acutely aware of the need for more housing of all kinds in our City.

The Board's concern is that the City is aware we own the abutting to the unopened road allowance. It was felt that certainly would have been a symbolic gesture at least to let us know the land was being considered for sale.

In light of the proposal currently being considered by City, the Board wishes to highlight safety concerns for the City pathway between 2090 and 2150 9th Avenue East. If we are understanding the proposed design, our concern is ensuring proper lighting for pathway and neighbour parking. The current pathway is located close to our resident backyards and with a proposed parking lot directly across from those backyards, there should be a requirement for fencing to prevent vehicle headlight interaction with our residents. However, proper fencing could create a dark, well hidden pathway between the two properties which bring arise to other safety concerns (backyard theft, etc).

Finally, if the City is considering sale of unopened road allowances, the Board wishes to ask that they be considered for any properties which adjoin current Non-Profit land. We currently use the road allowance at 7th Avenue East and 21st Street East through an agreement paid years ago to the City. The Board would welcome the opportunity to look at attaining the unopened road allowance from 7th Avenue East to 5th Avenue East that abuts Ordnance Park and Bluewater Ridge should that be something City is considering.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me by telephone and for considering the above in your decisions.

Yours truly



Shari Huber
Executive Director

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